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According to PTO records, the patent application identified above has been ready for examination since August 4, 2005. Please kindly advise Applicants of the estimated date when a first Office action may be mailed.

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